

CITY OF TIGARD, OREGON
TIGARD CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 07- 13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TIGARD ESTABLISHING POLICY TO GUIDE CITY ACTIONS PERTAINING TO ANNEXATION OF UNINCORPORATED LAND TO THE MUNICIPAL CITY LIMITS

WHEREAS, Oregon law provides standards and procedures that permits annexation of unincorporated lands to cities and the City of Tigard has adopted, as part of its acknowledged Comprehensive Plan, guiding policies pertaining to annexation; and

WHEREAS, Washington County and the City of Tigard have, by intergovernmental agreement, mutually determined: a) the extent of an area called the Tigard Urban Services Area (TUSA) within which the City shall be the ultimate provider of urban services and, b) these lands shall be eventually part of the City of Tigard; and

WHEREAS, accessible governance and complete urban services are essential to the quality of urban life and annexation is a necessary means to: a) ensure delivery of complete urban services to the TUSA, and b) guarantee the cost of services are more equitably shared among all those that use them; and

WHEREAS, annexation is an important tool to establish and maintain regular and logical city boundaries necessary for effective planning for public facilities services; the provision of said services and timely response by law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, parts of Tigard's municipal boundary are irregular and confusing, and there exists unincorporated lands (islands) completely surrounded by the City; and this situation is incongruous with the City's responsibility to promote the effective and efficient provision of urban services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tigard offers a wide range of benefits to its citizens including, full urban services; proximate and responsive governance and political representation; opportunities for civic participation, and quick to respond law enforcement, and consequently many property owners within the unincorporated TUSA have expressed interest in annexation; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to promote the benefits of being part of the City and wishes to encourage voluntary annexation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tigard City Council that:

SECTION 1: The City shall not resort to involuntary annexation of unincorporated land, except in cases where it is found that such action is in the overall City's interest, such as to resolve public safety and/or health issues where it is necessary to extend or provide essential City services consistent with an adopted Community

Investment Plan (CIP) or Public Facility Plan (PFP), and/or resolve incongruous municipal boundaries.

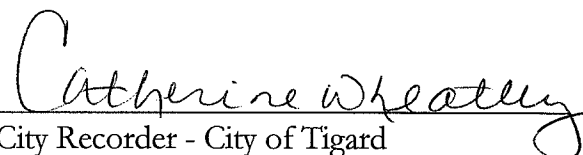
- SECTION 2:** Tigard shall work with other cities, Washington County, Metro and the state to promote regional and statewide policies and actions that recognize that logical, efficient and economically sustainable urban development can best occur in existing incorporated cities.
- SECTION 3:** The City shall proactively promote the benefits of being within the municipal City limits and invite owners of unincorporated properties to voluntarily join the City. However, each annexation shall be evaluated on its own merits to ensure it is in the City's overall interests.
- SECTION 4:** The City shall communicate with and otherwise work directly with those that express voluntary interest in annexation to facilitate the annexation process. This shall include providing incentives to annex such as the following:
- Waiver of the City annexation application fee until July 1, 2008.
 - Phasing in of increased property taxes over a three-year period at the rate of 33 percent, 67 percent, and 100 percent, for properties that annex during the period of March 13, 2007 to February, 2008, per Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR 150-222.111).
- SECTION 5:** In consideration that conditions and circumstances change over time, the City Council shall revisit this policy in February 2008 and make changes if warranted.
- SECTION 6:** This resolution takes is effective upon passage.

PASSED: This 13th day of March 2007.



Mayor - City of Tigard

ATTEST:



City Recorder - City of Tigard